

HB 741 -- MUNICIPAL DISINCORPORATION

SPONSOR: Burns

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill decreases the number of signatures required on a petition to disincorporate a city of the fourth class or a village in St. Louis County from 50% to 25% of voters, and decreases the voter approval percentage for disincorporation from 60% to 50% plus one voter.

The bill also establishes a disincorporation procedure for a city of the third class or a constitutional charter or home rule city in St. Louis County that is the same as the disincorporation procedure for a city of the fourth class or a village in St. Louis County.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill makes the disincorporation process a little easier.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Burns and Better Together.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that the current procedure works, as the St. George disincorporation clearly demonstrates.

Testifying against the bill was St. Louis County Municipal League.